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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON INCIDENT ABOARD US SHIP ULTRAMAR AT
IL'ICHEVSK

REF: MOSCOW 18419

1. CONSOFF DECEMBER 31 TALKED WITH CAPTAIN PETERSON OF USS ULTRAMAR IN PORT OF IL'ICHEVSK (CORRECTED SPELLING) RE DEVELOPMENTS FOLLOWING DEATH OF TWO SOVIET STEVEDORES (REFTEL). PETERSON REPORTED THAT UNLOADING NOW PROCEEDING AT NORMAL RATE AND THAT SHIP EXPECTED TO BE READY TO SAIL SOMETIME BETWEEN 10-15 JANUARY.

2. PETERSON'S PRIMARY CONCERN AT THIS POINT IS LEGAL STANDING OF HIS SHIP. THE AUTHORITIES HAVE MADE NO FORMAL CHARGES TO DATE, AND PETERSON HAS BEEN INFORMED UNOFFICIALLY BY INFLOT OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVE OF INGOSTRAKH (SOVIET INSURANCE ORGANIZATION) THAT HE HAS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT. PETERSON EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT THE SHIP'S OWNERS HAVE NOT DESIGNATED A LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE TO DEAL WITH POSSIBLE INSURANCE CLAIMS AND OTHER ISSUES ARISING FROM THE INCIDENT. HE HAS REQUESTED THE OWNERS TO CONTACT
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INGOSTRAKH MOSCOW OFFICE BY TELEPHONE AND EMPOWER INGOSTRAKH

REP ON SCENE (MR. BONDAR) TO REPRESENT THE SHIP. NO REPEAT NO
REPLY TO THIS REQUEST HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO DATE, AND PETERSON
REQUESTED CONSOFF TO CONTACT OWNERS AGAIN THROUGH DEPARTMENT.

3. IN ABSENCE OF OFFICIAL LEGAL ADVICE, PETERSON BELIEVES
THAT THE STRONGEST ACTION THE AUTHORITIES MIGHT TAKE WOULD BE TO
PLACE A LIEN ON THE SHIP AFTER UNLOADING. IN THAT EVENT, THE
SHIP WOULD HAVE TO POST A BOND IN ORDER TO DEPART THE PORT.
PETERSON SAID THAT SEVERAL INVESTIGATIONS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED BY
VARIOUS OFFICIALS, BUT HE HAS NOT BEEN INFORMED OF THE RESULTS
OF THE INVESTIGATION. FYI. VICTOR PERSHIN, PRESIDENT OF THE SOVIET
GRAIN TRADING ORGANIZATION (EXPORTKHLEB), INFORMED EMBOFF
DECEMBER 30 THAT USSR MINISTRY OF HEALTH HAS COMPLETED REPORT
ON THE INCIDENT ALLEGEDLY CONTRADICTING VERSION CITED REFTTEL.
CONSULAR SECTION HAS REQUESTED COPY OF REPORT BUT,
DUE
TO ONCOMING NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY, MINISTRY OF HEALTH OFFICIAL L.I.
MALYSHEV REPLIED THAT COPY OF REPORT COULD NOT BE FURNISHED BEFORE
JANUARY 5. END FYI.

4. DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT SHIP'S OWNERS AND INSURE
THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF PETERSON'S DESIRE THAT INGOSTRAKH REP
BONDAR BE EMPOWERED TO ACT ON SHIP'S BEHALF.
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